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ABSTRACT

This 1989-1990 status report of the Oklahoma State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (SOICC) includes the following: mission statement; organization chart; information on SOICC publications, including a labor supply and demand report; a listing of occupations licensed in Oklahoma, and a note on a career tabloid; descriptions of the new computerized Micro Occupational Information System (OIS), the star schools project, and improved career decision-making (ICDM) workshops; the national career development guidelines; mention of a motivational videocassette for middle and high school students, used to stress the importance of math and science courses, and of the initiation of a quarterly newsletter; and a description of Career Search, a computerized interest inventory and career information delivery system, and of the Naval Reserve civilian training project. (CML)

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"SOICC is getting to the core of one of the problems facing our state at this time. What better contribution to the economic growth and the social betterment of our state than to give direction to young people as they seek careers."

Phil Watson
Director
Department of Human Services

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State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee Status Report 1989-1990

The State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (SOICC) of Oklahoma is comprised of the executive director, specialist, and half-time secretary.

The SOICC office is responsible for producing and promoting the use of labor market information.

The mother agency of SOICC is the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (NOICC), in Washington, D.C.

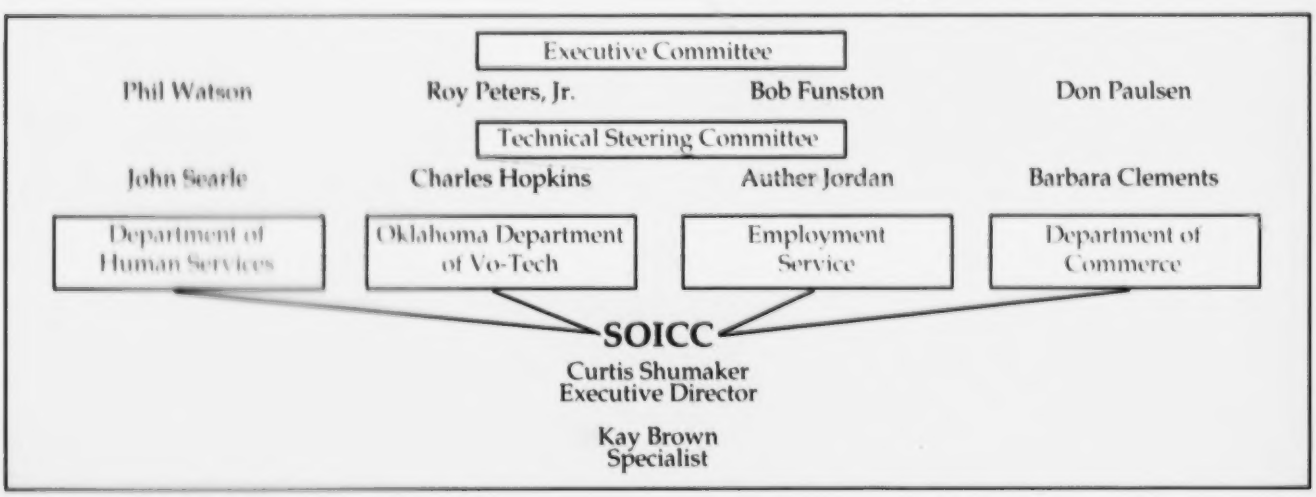
Agency members of SOICC include the Department of Commerce, Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, and the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education.

Each of these agencies provide resources, personnel, and services to the Oklahoma public utilizing the latest in technology and delivery systems.

This annual report presents a summary of the various publications, programs, and resources provided by SOICC and its committee organizations.

Mission Statement

The central mission of the Oklahoma SOICC is to foster communication and coordination among users and producers of occupational and labor market information. We strive to improve the quality and availability of occupational information for all Oklahomans and promote the use of this information in the decision-making process.



SOICC Publications

Work force Oklahoma:

Labor Supply and Demand Report 1989
is a comprehensive document that informs administrators in economic development, education, and employment and training on the direction of jobs in the future. The report lists clusters of occupations with related training programs that lead to those occupations. Users will compare the number of job openings in a particular occupation to the number of people who complete programs leading to that occupation. Occupational growth or decline is also projected over a six-year span to allow planners to see the long-term need for training in an occupational area. The report also lists the number of persons in an occupational cluster who were claimants for unemployment compensation in a given time period.

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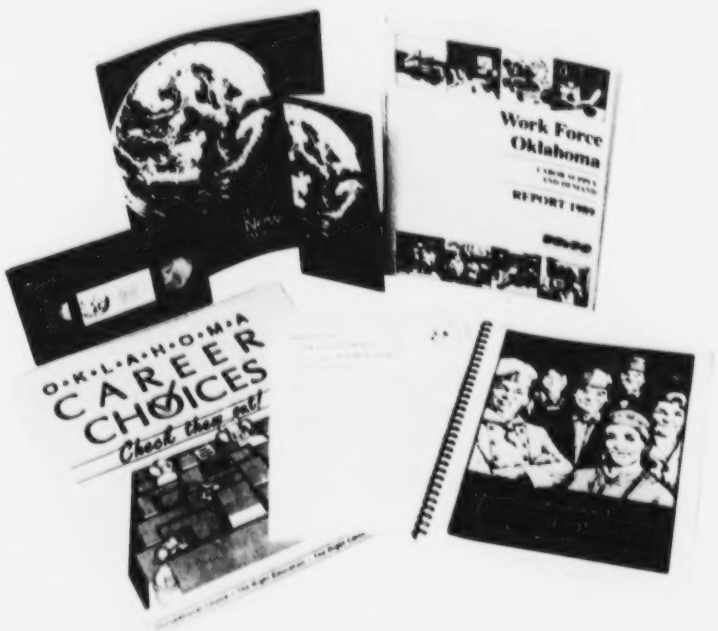
Total cost: $11,365.61
Hard copy printed every other year.



Licensed Occupations of Oklahoma

SOICC published and distributed approximately 2,000 copies of the *Licensed Occupations of Oklahoma* book in September 1988. Response was overwhelmingly positive. An update of this publication is underway for 1990.

Career Tabloid

The *Oklahoma Career Choices* tabloid received positive responses, after lying dormant for the past four years. *Oklahoma Career Choices;* which replaces Search for Your Career is designed to help young people and adults learn more about careers, job training, and educational opportunities in Oklahoma.

"This was a delightful publication with much valuable information! Thanks so much for sending us copies. Our students gained fresh, new insights into their prospective fields."

Pat Lightfoot
Thompson Junior High
Weatherford, OK

DISTRIBUTION OF OKLAHOMA CAREER CHOICES
150,000 copies

High Schools	95,000
Area Vo-Tech Schools	25,000
Employment Services	8,000
Career Workshops	5,000
JTPA	4,000
Department of Libraries	3,000
Department of Commerce	2,000
Postsecondary Institutions	1,000
Skills Centers	1,000
Job Corps	1,000
Department of Human Services	1,000
Oklahoma Dept. of Vo-Tech	500
State Capitol	300
Urban League	50

Number of copies printed: 150,000
Total cost: $22,185.42
Printed annually

Buffalo High School Students, Buffalo, Oklahoma

Micro Occupational Information System

Micro Occupational Information System (OIS) is a new computerized system that may be used to examine growth occupations and the number of persons trained for these occupations. Users will apply selected search capabilities in finding occupational data information. The Micro OIS includes data such as job openings by occupation, number of people employed by occupations, separations by occupations, projected employment for 1992, yearly growth by occupation, and number of people completing training programs. Future enhancements are planned each year as the OIS is used.

Star Schools Project

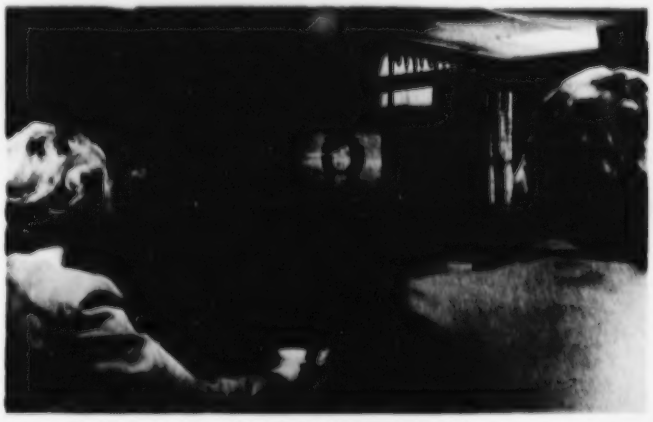
The Star Schools Project offers instructional programs to students by way of satellite communications. Oklahoma is one of five states in the nation participating in the Star Schools Project. Other states in the Midland Consortium are Mississippi, Missouri, Alabama, and Kansas.

In January 1990 a high-quality satellite broadcast entitled "An Introduction to Career Development" was offered to satellite schools. The broadcast was aimed at high school counselors, administrators, teachers, and parents. Thirty-four schools participated. A Regional Career Development Specialist from the Oklahoma Department of Vo-Tech and/or local school administrators served as facilitators at each site.

Inola served as the host school for the telecast workshop where many special guests attended, including Juliette Noone Lester, executive director of NOICC; Linda Kobylarz, NOICC consultant on the Star Schools Project; and Dr. Chuck Hopkins, assistant state director for supportive services, Oklahoma Department of Vo-Tech.

"The telecast/workshop not only filled a need but also 'represents an effective method of offering career information to those who have a profound influence over the future direction of our young people.' I believe we will see a greater use of satellite technology in offering career information in the future."

Curtis Shumaker
SOICC Executive Director



ICDM Workshops

The OKSOICC is currently conducting Improved Career Decision Making (ICDM) workshops for counselors from various agencies and institutions. Evaluations have been very positive. These intense two-day workshops are designed to train counselors in the use of labor market information and counseling techniques so they may assist their students and clients in making informed career decisions. In July 1989, the ICDM planning team felt it was necessary to include a third counselor educator. Dr. Wanda M. Johnson, coordinator of guidance and counseling at Central State University, joined Dr. Jim Bergin, associate professor at East Central State University, and Glenda Creach, instructor supervisor at Southwestern State University.

1989 ICDM Dates	Locations	Participants
March 30-31, 1989	Lake Murray	33
April 20-21, 1989	Fountainhead	40
May 25-26, 1989	Western Hills	35
June 22-23, 1989	Roman Nose	32

1990 ICDM Dates

March 15-16, 1990	Western Hills	32
April 19-20, 1990	Roman Nose	36
May 17-18, 1990	Lake Texoma	56
June 7-8, 1990	Fountainhead	56

"The ICDM workshop was beneficial to me in so many ways that it is hard to know where to begin. The number of resources made available to me through ICDM was astounding. I was also impressed specifically with Career Search and the Changing World programs."

Ray Kerchee, Counselor
Harrah High School
Harrah, OK

"The ICDM workshop has provided me with new ideas and fresh insight toward teaching clients a career decision-making process by utilizing new techniques and an awareness of the resources available."

Robin Freeman
Displaced Homemaker/Single Parent Coordinator
Gordon Cooper AVTS
Shawnee, OK

ICDM Workshops Highlights

Oklahoma Career Choices

Group Interaction

Dictionary of Occupational Titles

Resources

In the Trenches with Work Force Oklahoma

Carousels

Occupational Information System
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Guide for Occupational Exploration
Military Career Guide
Unemployment . . .What Does It Mean?
General Aptitude Test Battery
Standard Industrial Classification Manual
National Career Development Guidelines
Career Search

National Career Development Guidelines

The National Career Development Guidelines a blueprint of a "model career guidance program." This model was developed by more than 150 individuals from across the nation. The guidelines define what a student or client should know to make informed career decisions and the qualifications and the competencies needed by counselors to deliver effective programs.

The objective of this project is to improve and enhance career guidance. Two pilot sites in Oklahoma are currently testing the guidelines in their school. Moore public schools are testing the elementary and junior high versions, while Canadian Valley Area Vo-Tech School is testing the high school and adult versions.

Year two of the project will entail testing the guidelines in the classroom. The guidelines provide a blueprint for the institutions to follow in the implementation process. Plans are currently underway to invite 10 additional schools to participate in the project.

It's a New World Video and Guide

OKSOICC, in cooperation with NASA, South Carolina SOICC, and Kansas Careers, has develop a video and teacher's guide called "It's a New World." This motivational videocassette for middle and high school students was developed to stress the importance of math and science courses to students. The 37-minute video links mathematics and science education to careers in six occupational areas. Oklahoma's contribution was to develop and write the teacher's guide to the film. By doing so, Oklahoma became a member of the ACE Consortium, organized to develop innovative material. The consortium is currently in the process of advertising and distributing this product.

Completed Training

The SOICC Director and Specialist attended the following professional development training workships and/or seminars this program year.

TRAINING	DATE	LOCATION
NOICC/SOICC Conference	8-89	Albuquerque, NM
ICDM Train-the-Trainer	8-89	Albuquerque, NM
Supportive Serv. Summer Retreat	6-89	Wagoner, OK
OIS/CIDS Technical Conference	10-89	St. Louis, MO
Dbase III Training	11-89	Stillwater, OK
DOS Computer Class	11-89	Stillwater, OK
AVA Conference	12-89	Orlando, FL
Grammar Skills	3-90	Stillwater, OK
Business Writing Skills	3-90	Stillwater, OK
Labor Market Information Conference	5-90	Detroit, MI
Academic Preparation for the Year 2000	5-90	Oklahoma City, OK

SOICC Training

WORKSHOP	DATE	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
Improved Career Decision Making (ICDM) Workshop			
ICDM Workshop	March 15-16, 1990	Western Hills	32
ICDM Workshop	April 19-20, 1990	Roman Nose	36
ICDM Workshop	May 17-18, 1990	Lake Texoma	56
ICDM Workshop	June 7-8, 1990	Fountainhead	56
Micro OIS Training Workshop	May 31, 1990	ODVTE	
Micro OIS Training Workshop	June 21, 1990	Metro AVTS	
Micro OIS Training Workshop	July 26, 1990	Tulsa Co. AVTS	

What's Cooking With SOICC

SOICC will begin a quarterly newletter in the summer of 1990. SOICC newsletters are used across the country to provide timely information to counselors, planners, and other information users. The newsletters are often used to announce workshops, to introduce new SOICC publications, to provide information on the labor market trends, and much more.

The Oklahoma SOICC will submit a bid to host the Fifteenth Annual National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee Conference, to be held in 1992.

Juliette Noone Lester, Executive Director of NOICC, and Curtis Shumaker, Oklahoma SOICC Executive Director.

Career Search

Career Search is a computerized interest inventory and career information delivery system. Career Search creates a list of occupations to search by matching personal interests and needs to Career Search's data. The system allows an individual to key in particular interest variables. Some of the variables are levels of education, salaries, and occupational categories. Once the variables are chosen, the system will search those variables, crossing them over to occupations. Users can also perform a postsecondary school search to help locate schools that match their needs and interests.

This year SOICC assisted Oklahoma Career Search staff by providing them with Oklahoma specific supply and demand information on selected occupations. The SOICC executive director also serves on the advisory board to include ASVAB and DATB testing in the system.

Naval Reserve Civilian Training Project

CIVITRAIN is a joint project of NOICC and the U.S. Naval Reserve that is designed to help the reserve identify educational programs at local schools and colleges that can be used to train reserve personnel. The system is being used by reserve training officers to find educational programs at nearby institutions that offer training needed for reserve occupations. To develop the data base necessary for this program, NOICC contracted with the SOICC states that were interested in the Naval Reserve. Oklahoma was one of those states. The responsibility of the SOICCs was to provide NOICC with the appropriate information to complete the data requirement. The contract received from NOICC was for $6,000.

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"The decisions you make relative to your career will go a long way in determining not only your future but your overall happiness and productivity."

Phil Watson
Director
Department of Human Services